

**IN THE CLAIMS**

In view of the fact that originally-filed claims 1-24 have not been examined on the merits and without prejudice to the non-elected inventions claimed in originally-filed claims 1-24, please cancel originally-filed claims 1-24 and substitute therefor new claims 25-49 directed toward the above-identified elected invention. New claims 25-49 accompany Applicant's Response to the First Office Action and are directed toward Applicant's invention elected for prosecution.

**REMARKS**

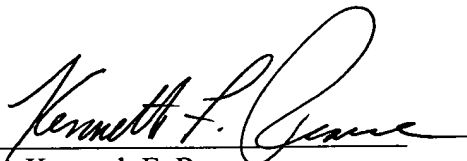
Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the objections and restriction requirement averred by the Examiner in the First Office Action. In accordance with the Examiner's directives, Applicant has corrected the drawings and elected a species for examination. Thus, Applicant has fully traversed all pending objections and requirements averred by the Examiner. For least the reasons, facts and law expressed herein, it is believed that Applicant's new claims are in condition for allowance.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121, 1.125 and 1.312, the required copies of the new claims and substitute specification accompany Applicant's Response to the First Office Action. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Request for Reconsideration is respectfully solicited, as Applicant advances his case toward a patentable conclusion. Applicant believes his Application

is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same in accordance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

Respectfully submitted,

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